

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
HANZAWA et al. )  
Application Number: to be assigned )  
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE )  
EQUIPPED WITH DUMMY CELLS )  
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**Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents**  
**Washington, D.C. 20231**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please make the following edits.